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# A Former USAID Project Member - Global Family Doctor of the Month



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*Former Clinical Director of the USAID-funded Central Asia ZdravPlus project, Professor Nugmanova, selected a Global Family Doctor of the Month in August by WONCA*

Professor Damilya Nugmanova is a well-known leader of the efforts to improve the primary health care system in Kazakhstan. As the President of the Kazakhstan Association of Family Physicians and the head of the Family Medicine Faculty of the Almaty Postgraduate Institute for Physicians, she has been actively engaged in the organization, training, and implementation of Family Medicine.

Professor Nugmanova has been involved in the retraining of hundreds of primary care pediatricians, internists, and other staff, and participated in designing health reform strategies at both oblast and national levels. Her work as the President of the Kazakhstan Association of Family Physicians helps promote the interests of primary care physicians, provide physicians with continuous education, and educate the local population on health issues. As the head of the Association of Family Physicians Trainers, she has worked on organizing and providing training for the medical school teachers of Kazakhstan, developed curriculum for family medicine continuous education, and developed family medicine residency standards.

Through her work as the Clinical Director of the USAID-funded Central Asia ZdravPlus project, Professor Nugmanova also has contributed to the development of Family Medicine in other countries in the Central Asia Region, such as in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, by assisting their Family Medicine Faculties to organize Family Medicine Training Centers.

The Global Family Doctor of the Month for August 2005 award from the World Organization of Family Physicians (WONCA) is a deserved recognition for Professor Nugmanova's work and achievements.